

REMARKS

Claims 24-37 are pending as originally filed in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 24-37 are rejected on the ground of obviousness-type double patenting in view of issued US Patent 6,701,443. In response, submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer complying with 37 C.F.R. §1.321 which should serve to obviate this rejection. This action is taken to expedite prosecution and is not to be interpreted as agreement with or acquiescence to the conclusions in paragraphs 5-14 of the Office Action.

Conclusion

In view of this response, this Application should be in condition for allowance. A Notice to this affect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this Response, that the Application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Petition is hereby made for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3661.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-2900, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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Respectfully submitted,

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